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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	Conference Room B, Cannon Bldg, 861 Silver Lake Blvd Dover, DE 19904
MINUTES APPROVED	02/09/2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rachel Dunning, Public Member, Secretary, Presiding
William Bullock, Public Member
Matthew Spong, Professional Member (9:17 a.m. – 10:16 a.m.)
Eric Wahl, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Danny Stevenson, Deputy Attorney General
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chad Nelson, Professional Member, President

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Dunning called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes for the May 12, 2011 meeting. Mr. Bullock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wahl, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review Drafts for Newsletter

The Board reviewed the draft of the newsletter, which was prepared by Ms. Williams. She informed the Board that this is the same draft which was sent in a previous e-mail for their review. Ms. Williams informed the Board that the newsletter will not be sent until the "Message from the Board", which Mr. Nelson is preparing is completed. Once the newsletter is updated, the Board will review the draft prior to it being sent to licensees.

Strategic Plan

The Board reviewed the strategic plan, and felt as though they are making headway with the goals and objectives set. The first goal was to revise the statute regarding officers and the

definition of landscape architecture. Mr. Stevenson stated that he is currently working on the draft. The second goal was to eliminate practice by entities without a certificate of authorization. Ms. Williams informed the Board that a mass e-mail was sent to all licensees reminding them of the rules and regulations regarding certificates of authorization. Ms. Williams informed the Board that after the mass e-mail was sent, several businesses applied for certificates of authorization. The third goal was to increase the outreach to licensees, which is currently in progress with the newsletter. The last goal was to update the rules and regulations. Ms. Williams informed the Board that a rules and regulations hearing will be scheduled for the November meeting. Mr. Spong stated that he researched if Delaware is a practice act or a title act, and his research found that Delaware is a practice act.

Continuing Education Audit

The Board reviewed the additional CE documentation that was submitted by licensees selected for audit.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Applications for Licensure by Reciprocity

Mr. Bullock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wahl, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for John Davis. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Bullock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wahl, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for Thomas Kummer. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Bullock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wahl, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for Christopher Schein. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Bullock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wahl, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for James Schmidt, Jr. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Bullock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wahl, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for Larissa Torres. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of Applications for Certificate of Authorization

Mr. Wahl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dunning, to ratify the application for certificate of authorization for Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Wahl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dunning, to ratify the application for certificate of authorization for RTKL Associates, Inc. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Wahl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dunning, to ratify the application for certificate of authorization for Vanasse Hange Brustlin, Inc. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Requests of Inactive Status

Ms. Dunning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spong, to approve inactive status for Ronald McKnight. If Mr. McKnight wishes to become active again, he will need to provide a copy of his continuing education and updated seal. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business before the Board (For Discussion Only)

Ms. Williams informed the Board that the self-directed activity request form is now available on the Board's website. She also informed the Board that a rules and regulations hearing will be scheduled for November. Also, CLARB is in the process of changing the examination, which will begin in September 2012. Ms. Williams will send additional information to the Board for their review regarding the new exam.

Correspondence

Review Correspondence from CLARB for Board Member Input Regarding ASLA Sponsored Universal Licensure Designation

The Board reviewed the correspondence from CLARB regarding the ASLA sponsored universal licensure designation. According to the correspondence ASLA is developing a policy to use a uniform designation, which would be PLA (Professional Landscape Architect). The Board discussed the pro's and con's of changing the designation for licensees in the state. Mr. Spang made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dunning, not to support the universal licensure designation at this juncture, due to the fact that it would be too confusing with the current licensure laws, for the public and for clients, as well as a hardship for licensees. Motion carried with Mr. Bullock opposed.

Review Correspondence from CLARB Regarding the Annual Meeting

Ms. Williams informed the Board that the annual meeting will be held in Chicago and inquired if any members were interested in attending the meeting. The Delaware Board will not be in attendance at the annual meeting due to unavailability of members.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

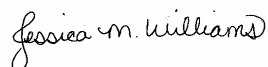
Next Meeting Date

The Board will hold the next meeting on November 10, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room "B" of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

Mr. Bullock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dunning, to adjourn. There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II
Board of Landscape Architects